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Sir:

Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

(1) Response to Office Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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The remarks below are submitted in response to the first non-final Office Action dated May 5, 2004 in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on August 8, 2001, with claims 1-18. Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 17 and 18 are independent claims.

Claims 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being allegedly inconsistent with certain recitations of independent claim 1. Applicants respectfully traverse. Independent claim 1 states that the test script program is initiated "via the control program." Thus, the test script program may be initiated directly or indirectly by the control program. An example of direct initiation is shown in FIG. 4A, where control thread 134 directly initiates test script 136. An example of indirect initiation is shown in FIG. 4B, where control thread 134 indirectly controls initiation of the test script